



"Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."

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"The Difficult Thing May Be Done Right Away. The Impossible Takes a Little Longer."

# ANVIL CHORUS

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## SOME "PERSONALS" FROM PERSONNEL

Sherman Miller—Personnel Director



Within a few days, your War Production Drive Representative will be contacting you with forms to be filled out for Red Cross donations.

Los Angeles has a quota of \$5,300,000 as its share of the national goal of \$200,000,000. The goal for each Plomb employee is six hours' pay. Plomb employees have always gone over their quota, and this year we realize that the need is greater than ever before. It costs \$6.00 per second to maintain Red Cross services worldwide. Buy as many seconds as you can.

To fight the battle of injury and disease, the Red Cross has expanded to a mammoth degree its home nursing, nurse recruitment, first aid, nutrition, and disaster services.

For the comfort and welfare of our prisoners of war and civilian internees, millions of pounds of food packages, medical supplies, comfort articles, and clothing are carried to Europe on the Red Cross fleet. To relieve the suffering of refugee men and women and children in occupied countries, vast amounts of relief supplies are sent by and through the American Red Cross.

To keep this great army functioning, the time, the energy, and the dollars of the American people are needed. Without them it cannot continue. Every man, woman, and child in America is part of this army. YOU are the Red Cross—YOU are the soldiers in its ranks.

## LADY IN DISTRESS WANTS AN APARTMENT

A small apartment, furnished, in the Huntington Park or Southgate area is wanted by **CHARLOTTE CROSLY** of our Production Control department.

Anyone having such an apartment available or knowing of one, please call Charlotte on the inter-office telephone and tell her about it.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM COMPLETES FIRST HALF OF SEASON

Dain Sturges

Our spirited and colorful girls' basketball team dropped another tough one last Tuesday evening. With less than a minute to play, they tied the score at 6 all only to be nosed out in the last few seconds 8 to 6. It was a thriller all the way and, regardless, our girls gave a good account of themselves. They always put on a real contest every game and all of their losses have been by a skimp margin.

A sizable crowd of Plomb rooters were on hand to cheer the girls this week, but they deserve still much more support. If you are not attending these games, you are missing a marvelous show.

The league standings at the end of the first round are as follows:

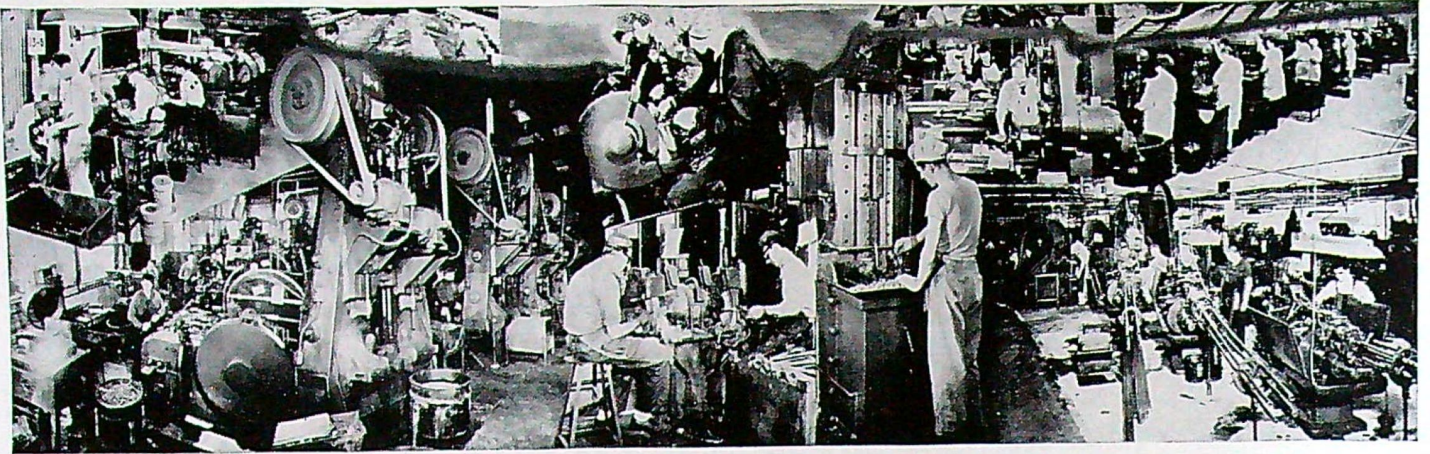
	TOTAL POINTS			
	Won	Lost	For	Against
Stampers	4	1	77	48
Continental Can	4	1	59	34
O'Keefe & Merritt	3	2	53	38
Plomb Tool	2	3	35	46
Zellerbach Paper	2	3	55	40
Gay Engineering	0	5	20	83

The games are played by the league each Tuesday evening at the Y.M.C.A. Gym on Whittier Blvd. near Euclid Avenue. Play starts at 7:45 p.m. Next week we play Zellerbach Paper Co., to start the second round. Our game is scheduled for 9:00 p.m. Come on out



Plomb's Girls' Basketball Team with their coach, EARL GRIM, and manager, DAIN STURGES. It looks as though DAIN is managing pretty well!





# PEOPLE IN THE PLOMB PARADE

## The Anvil Chorus

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give credit to Anvil Chorus.

## WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR SUNDAY PAPERS?

Most old newspapers find their way into the incinerator but there's a better way to dispose of them — **AND AT THE SAME TIME HELP PRODUCTION OF PLOMB TOOLS.**

**THE SAND BLAST** department can use bundles of newspapers and if everyone at Plomb will bring a bundle and leave it on the counter by the Credit Union Office it will be much appreciated. These old newspapers are vitally needed. Won't you make up a bundle tonight and bring them with you tomorrow? We'll see that they are delivered to Sand Blast without delay. **PLEASE HELP.**

## EIGHTY-THREE RESPOND TO BLOOD DONOR CALL

The Red Cross Recruiters for blood donors made their second visit to Plomb Tuesday, Feb. 20th, and 83 people made appointments for blood donations. Many employees are visiting the blood bank faithfully since the first recruitment, so most of Tuesday's recruits were new. This is a good record for Plomb employees and a very patriotic

## BILLING DEPT NEWS & NEWS Helen Mendeloff

Here is what we've been waiting for: A picture of **WINIFRED ENGLISH** and son. We know all her many friends throughout Plomb will be happy to see this husky son of Winnie's.



Billing Dept. welcomes **BEVERLY BABOCK** whose sister **ELLEN**, by the way, works in the Order Dept.

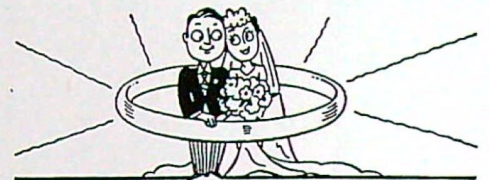
Many happy returns of the day to **MARTHA**, whose birthday was celebrated by all Saturday.

That joy of thrills and gleam in **DOROTHY FOREMAN's** eyes means that her mother has arrived for a visit. (Tell your mom, Dot, that we all in the Billing Dept. are sure glad she finally got here.)

gesture in addition to the work they are doing.

Thanks also to the Kamboors in the Silver Kitchen for free coffee for the Recruiters.

## MERGERS



## NORMA HOGAN MARRIES SGT. DANIEL E. ROWELL

**NORMA HOGAN** of Plomb Tool Company's Communications Department was married last Sunday, February 18, in a double ring ceremony to Sgt. Daniel E. Rowell who, before he enlisted in the United States Army, lived in Peoria, Illinois.

The ceremony was performed in the Christian Church of El Monte, the bride's home town, by the pastor, El Dean Wilson. She wore a powder blue afternoon dress, blue hat, white gloves and shoes and carried a spray of gardenias and white hyacinths. The bride's matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Howard Spotts, who wore a pale gold afternoon dress, pale pink hat, white gloves and a corsage of pink roses.

Her mother, Mrs. Hallie J. Hogan, looked charming in a gown of fuchsia and black, black hat and gloves, with a corsage of gardenias.

The groom's uncle, Vern Kincaid, was best man, while her grandfather, Ellis Johnson, gave the bride away.

Sgt. Rowell is returning to camp in Texas after a very brief honeymoon. The bride will be at home in El Monte.

**WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SWAP-SHOP AND P-X IN THE CLUB HOUSE. SEE NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE.**



PENELOPE AND PLOMB  
CHAPTER VII



The guards are awfully smart. They always seem to know when I don't have my badge. I have signed the book so many times I would think they would know by now that I work at Plomb. But I guess there are other more forgetful people at Plomb. They have nameplates on their desks to remind them who they are.

\*My big brother said maybe it would be easier for me to remember if I associated like things. Sometimes it works — like with Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Morris — they are both tall and good looking.

I think Marjorie is wonderful. She is the cute little girl in the lobby who collects autographs.



*The first picture of Karen Emery born Nov. 1944, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Emery. EARL is our Raw Material Inspector and we can understand why he is so proud.*

# PRESIDENT'S Editorial



RED CROSS

by  
M.B.P.

The finest things in life are free to the customer but without which life would be very barren.

I am thinking of the free air we breathe, the water we drink. I am thinking of moral precepts like honesty and fair dealings, and today I am thinking particularly of the Red Cross.

The performance of the Red Cross for the benefit of our men in the service particularly, and for disaster relief, speaks for itself. Like these other free things, we tend to take them for granted and therefore we need occasionally to be reminded that we do have an obligation.

If the boys on the receiving end of the Red Cross benefits could tell us about it first hand, we would need no further selling.

The Plomb team always has a part in every worthwhile project. It had an important part in the War Chest and our investment was one of the impressive records in the Los Angeles area.

The Red Cross campaign is under way and the War Production Drive Committee will see that we do our part. Make their job easy, make it quick. Let's receive the pledge cards in the spirit of "thanks for giving me an opportunity to provide one of the fine things in life for the boys who need it most."

## HERE'S A JOB WELL DONE!

U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL  
Corpus Christi, Texas

14 February, 1945  
Ruby Burbank, Chairman  
Employee's Book Club  
Plomb Tool Company  
Box 3519, Terminal Annex  
Los Angeles, 54, Calif.  
Dear Madam:

Today we are in receipt of 15 magazines (assorted), 20 books (assorted), and 32 books (assorted) paper backs, from the employees of the Plomb Tool Company.

In behalf of the patients of this hospital I want to thank you many times for this nice assortment of books and I assure you the patients will derive a great deal of pleasure reading these books.

These books will be distributed among the patients by our chaplain who is in charge of the hospital library.

Again thanking you, I am,

Yours sincerely,  
J. R. THOMAS,  
Captain, (MC) U. S. Navy  
Medical Officer in Command.



## SHERMAN MILLER TO PRESIDE OVER PERSONNEL CLINIC

Three personnel meetings are to be held under the sponsorship of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce on three consecutive Mondays — February 26, March 5 and March 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Sherman Miller, Personnel Manager of Plomb, will lead the discussions, presenting the human side of management's problems now and in the post war period ahead. It is a signal honor for our Company to have our Personnel Manager chosen to take the lead in these meetings. The priceless ingredient of relationship between management and their co-workers is one that must be handled intelligently because it represents the backbone of our economy. Young men and men with a young outlook will be the successful leaders in these vital matters. We extend our best wishes to Sherm for the success of the three conferences.



## KENNETH EWING TO M. B. P.

Some of you may remember Ken when he worked in the machine shop on the mills until he joined up in May, 1943. He was answering M. B. P.'s letter about the Christmas card that the armies in Belgium sent to their friends. Ida Menefee in the Dip Room had one from her husband, too.

Ewing is talking about the boys in the 9th Air Corps. He says they are a "ground crew, such as welders, mechanics and repair men.

"Remember in '42 and '43 when those soldiers were going to school all over the city. They are the same lads in the 9th, and the job they do and are doing is amazing to say the least. When a pilot and crew go up their lives are in the hands of the G.I. who worked on the crate.

"The pace here is plenty fast and there have been a few times I almost got what they call 'fox hole religion.' That's when you can see a flight of stairs and old St. Peter up there waiting, and you wonder if the papers in his hand are a rejection slip or some bill you hadn't paid. He's not a bad looking guy at that, considering his age.

"Yes, the Anvil Chorus comes as regular as a clock. Thanks a million. It's a treat to me and a morale builder for the fellows here that read it.

"About the pace at Plomb, you don't need to tell me. You see I know that if anything the pace is faster. That gang ain't going to let anyone down. They're tops."

In case any of you want to correspond with Ewing address him:

Pfc. Kenneth D. Ewing 39298377

Co. A—718 Ry. Opn. Bn.

A.P.O. 350 C/o Postmaster

New York City, N. Y.

**Help Win the War**  
BUY MORE BONDS

## ANNIVERSARY PINS

The following employees earned anniversary pins during the past week:

### Factory—

GEORGE WALLS .....	14 years
FRANCIS PILAND .....	5 years
HARRY ROGERS .....	4 years
GEORGE AUDET .....	2 years
OTIS W. EATON .....	2 years
JOHN GILMORE .....	2 years
OLIVE ROBERTSON .....	2 years
HENRY ROBERTSON .....	2 years
ROBT. ROSNER .....	2 years
ARNOLD J. STATZ .....	2 years
O. F. TAYLOR .....	2 years



KENNETH EWING

IN A TWO MINUTE LETTER to the editor of Anvil Chorus Kenneth says:

"This photo shows me just as I climbed out of my half track. It was taken during the drive through France. If the clothes look dirty please overlook it. Wonderful for camouflage. Incidentally, it's colder than hell here."

Kenneth would like to have a letter from Harvey and Fred. Says his main activity consists of machine gunning and that he's constantly on the move, but has enjoyed Belgian hospitality.

— EAT AT YOUR CLUB HOUSE —

## WANT HOBBY ITEMS FOR FUTURE PUBLICATION

If you have an interesting hobby, the editor would be pleased to run an account of it and pictures in the "Anvil Chorus." Creations or objects which may be brought into the plant for photography or your own picture would suffice. Accounts without or not suitable for pictures are also acceptable.

— VISIT YOUR CLUB HOUSE —

## CHAUNCY MOORE SETS HIGH GAME BOWLING MARK

Dain Sturges

Those flying Tool Grinders are making it a runaway race for first place coming into the home stretch of the Winter Bowling season. They won 3 and lost 1 last week while the Foursome in 2nd place were only breaking even.

With only six weeks to go, a tight race is developing for second place as five teams are battling for this spot. The Lumberjacks consisting of HUGH and POLLY WARING, MILO KROLL, and

## FROM LIEUT. BEN H. JONES TO M. B. P.

It is very hot here, day and night, and plenty dusty and rugged going in the jungle. I have my rifle platoon and in spite of adverse condition they hold up well and in my opinion they are as rugged as they come. We are training extensively in shore party operations—loading and unloading supplies and following the movement of the initial landing party. We fill in battle casualties on the front line assault outfits. It's quite a responsibility but I think I'll make out okay.

As you probably know I left San Diego on December 27 in the wee hours in the morning, and after 16 days aboard ship, we landed on the island. It was pretty hot and tiresome trip under extremely crowded conditions, and even though most of the troops were over the rail most of the time, they were pretty good sports. If you can visualize 3500 men living on a cargo ship which normally carries 2000 men, you'll know what a problem we were confronted with.

I hope Plomb is still keeping the old Production line booming.

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Watch for Announcement  
of That Dramatic Air Forces  
Film: "Fighting Lady" Coming  
Soon to The Club House

COURT OVERIN are coming up fast toward this position, winning all four games last week.

A new individual high game was rolled last Thursday night by CHAUNCY MOORE of the Tool Grinders who advanced his existing record to 256. Nice going Chauncy!

Team standings at the end of the 24th game are as follows:

	Won	Lost
Tool Grinders	76	26
Foursome	60	36
Lumberjacks	57	39
Machine Repairs	56	40
3 Spares 1 Strike	54	42
Straightners	51	45
Bombardiers	50	42
Polishers	49	47
Die Sinkers	47	49
Tool Makers	45	51
Substitutes	41	55
Challengers	41	51
The Cavaliers	40	56
Forgers	38	58
Pirates	33	63
Heat Treaters	33	63

The keggers perform at the Southwest Bowling Center in Huntington Park at 6:30 p.m., every Thursday evening. Spectators and kibitzers are cordially invited.